

State of California  
State Water Resources Control Board  
**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**  
**P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000**  
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**PETITION FOR TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE**  
(Water Code 1435)

\_\_\_\_ Point of Diversion, \_\_\_\_ Point of Rediversion, \_\_\_\_ Place of Use, \_\_\_\_ Purpose of Use  
X Change in Instream-Flow Requirements

Applications # 12919A, 15736, 15737, 19351 Permits # 12947A, 12949, 12950, 16596

I (we) Sonoma County Water Agency hereby petition for a temporary urgency  
(Water Right Holders Name)  
change(s) noted above and shown on the accompanying map and described as follows:

Sonoma County Water Agency requests that the current water year (2004) be reclassified from a Normal Year to a Dry Year under Decision 1610. This request is made to prevent storage levels in Lake Mendocino from dropping to very low levels by the end of summer, as occurred in 2002. The rationale for this request is described in the attached hydrologic analysis by Chris Murray, P.E. and Matthew Damos, P.E..

**Point of Diversion or Rediversion** (Give coordinate distances from section corner or other ties as allowed by Cal CR 715, and the 40-acre subdivision in which the present & proposed points lie.)

Present \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Use** (If irrigation then state number of acres to be irrigated within each 40-acre tract.)

Present Not Applicable

Proposed \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of Use**

Present Not Applicable

Proposed \_\_\_\_\_

Does the proposed use serve to preserve or enhance wetlands habitat, fish and wildlife resources, or recreation in or on the water (See WC 1707)? Not Applicable  
(yes/no)

The temporary urgency change(s) is to be effective from July 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004  
(Cannot exceed 180 days)

Will this temporary urgency change be made without injury to any lawful user of water? Yes  
(yes/no)

Will this temporary urgency change be made without unreasonable effect upon fish, wildlife, and other in stream beneficial uses? Yes  
(yes/no)

State the "Urgent Need" (Water Code 1435(c)) which is the basis of this temporary urgency change petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Please see attached hydrologic analysis

If the point of diversion or redirection is being changed, is any person(s) taking water from the stream between the old point of diversion or redirection and the proposed point? \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any persons taking water from the stream between the old point of return flow and the new point of return flow? \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, give name and address, as well as any other person(s) known to you who may be affected by the proposed change.

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I (we) consulted the California Department of Fish and Game concerning this proposed temporary change. Yes  
(yes/no)

If yes, state the name and phone number of the person contacted and the opinion concerning the potential effects of your proposed temporary urgency change on fish and wildlife and state the measures required for mitigation.

Please see attached letter from Robert Floerke, California Department of Fish and Game.

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Please see attached letter from Patrick Rutten, NOAA Fisheries.  
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**THIS TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE DOES NOT INVOLVE AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE APPROPRIATION OR SEASON OF USE. THIS TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE IS REQUESTED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS OR LESS.**

I (we) declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Dated   [6/28]  , 19   04   at \_\_\_\_\_, California

  [Randy O. Poole]    
Signature(s) Telephone No.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

**NOTE: A \$1000 filing fee**, for each Application listed, made payable to the State Water Resources Control Board and an **\$850 fee** made payable to the Department of Fish and Game must accompany this petition for change.





environmental document for your change petition or whether the applicant, if it is a California public agency, will be preparing the environmental document for your change petition:

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Note: When completed, please submit a copy of the final environmental document (including notice of determination) or notice of exemption to the State Water Resources Control Board. Processing of your change petition cannot proceed until such documents are submitted.

5. Will your proposed changes, during construction or operation, generate waste or wastewater containing such things as sewage, industrial chemicals, metals, or agricultural chemicals, or cause erosion, turbidity or sedimentation? No If so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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If yes or you are unsure of your answer, contact your local Regional Water Quality Control Board for the following information (See attachment for address and telephone number):

Will a waste discharge permit be required for your petition? \_\_\_\_\_  
Person contacted \_\_\_\_\_ Date of contact \_\_\_\_\_  
What method of treatment and disposal will be used? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Have any archeological reports been prepared on this project, or will you be preparing an archeological report to satisfy another public agency? Not Applicable

Do you know of any archeological or historic sites located within the general project area?

No

If so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

7. Attach THREE COMPLETE SETS of color photographs, clearly dated and labeled, showing the

vegetation currently existing at the following locations: Not Applicable because no new points of diversion are proposed.

- a. Along the stream channel immediately downstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion.
- b. Along the stream channel immediately upstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion.
- c. At the place(s) where the water is to be used.

Note: It is very important that you submit no less than three complete sets of photographs as required above. If less than three sets are submitted, processing of your change petition will be delayed until you furnish the remaining sets.

8. From the list given below, mark or circle the general plant community types which best describe those which occur within you project area (Note: See footnote denoted by \* under Question 11 below):

Tree Dominated Communities

- Subalpine Conifer
- Red Fir
- Lodgepole Pine
- Mixed Conifer
  - Sierran Mixed Conifer
  - White Fir
  - Klamath Mixed Conifer
- Douglas-Fir
- Jeffrey Pine
- Ponderosa Pine
- Eastside Pine
- Redwood
- Pinyon-Juniper
- Willow**
- Cottonwood**
- Juniper
- Aspen
- Closed-Cone Pine-Cypress
- Montane Hardwood-Conifer
- Montane Hardwood
- Valley Foothill Hardwood
  - Blue Oak Woodland
  - Valley Oak Woodland
  - Coastal Oak Woodland
- Valley Foothill Hardwood-Conifer
  - Blue Oak-Digger Pine
- Eucalyptus
- Montane Riparian
- Valley Foothill Riparian
- Desert Riparian
- Palm Oasis
- Joshua Tree

Shrub Dominated Communities

- Alpine Dwarf-Shrub
- Low Sage
- Bitterbrush
- Sagebrush
- Montane Chaparral
- Mixed Chaparral
- Chamise-Redshank Chaparral
- Coastal Scrub
- Desert Succulent Shrub
- Desert Wash
- Desert Scrub
- Alkali Desert Scrub

Herbaceous Dominated Communities

- Annual Grassland
- Perennial Grassland
- Wet Meadow
- Fresh Emergent Wetland
- Saline Emergent Wetland
- Pasture

Aquatic Communities

- Riverine
- Lacustrine
- Estuarine
- Marine

Developed Communities

- Cropland
- Orchard-Vineyard**
- Urban

Literature source: Mayer, K.E., and W.F. Laudenslayer, Jr., (eds). 1988. A Guide to Wildlife Habitats of California. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sacramento. 166 pp. (Note: You may view a copy of this document at our public counter at the address given at the top of this form or you may purchase a copy by calling the California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Habitat Relationships (WHR) Program at (916) 653-7203).

Not Applicable

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONCERNS

9. Identify the typical species of fish which occur in the source(s) from which you propose to divert water and discuss whether or not any of these fish species or their habitat has been or would be affected by your proposed changes. (Note: See footnote denoted by \* under Question 11 below):

The following fish are likely to occur within the vicinity of the project area:

- Warmwater Fish - Large and Small Mouth Bass, various Sunfish, and Tule Perch
- Anadromous Fish - Chinook and Coho Salmon, Steelhead, Pacific Lamprey
- Miscellaneous Fish - Sacramento Sucker, Hardhead, Pikeminnow, Blackfish

None of these fish and none of their habitats are expected to be affected by the project.

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10. Identify the typical species of riparian and terrestrial wildlife in the area and discuss whether or not any of these species and/or their habitat has been or would be affected by your proposed changes through construction of additional water diversion and distribution works and/or changes in land use in the place of water use. (Note: See footnote denoted by \* below):

The following terrestrial wildlife are likely to occur in the vicinity of the project area:

- Deer, Opossum, Skunk, Raccoon, Ducks, Songbirds, Insects, Frogs, Snakes, and Lizards.

None of these terrestrial organisms and none of their habitats are expected to be affected by the project.

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\*Note: The purposes of Question 10 and 11 are to provide a preliminary assessment of the presence of typical plant and animal species in the area and whether these species might be affected by your proposed changes. Detailed site surveys to quantify populations of specific species or determine the presence of rare or endangered species may be required at a later date. It is very important that you answer these questions accurately. If you are unable to obtain appropriate answers from your local California Department of Fish and Game biologists (See attachment for address and telephone number) or you do not have adequate information or expertise to complete your answers, you should hire a fishery consultant and/or a wildlife consultant to review your project and prepare suitable answers for you. For information on available qualified fishery or wildlife consultants near you, consult your local telephone directory yellow pages under Environmental and Ecological

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Services, or call the California Environmental Protection Agency, Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) Program, at (916) 324-6881 or the University of California, Cooperative Extension Service (See your local telephone directory white pages).

12. Do your proposed changes involve any construction or grading-related activity which has significantly altered or would significantly alter the bed or bank of any stream or lake? No -

If so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements I have furnished above and in the attached exhibits are complete to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_